



Policy Statement

State of Iowa

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Policy Statement supporting the Iowa All-Hazards Communications Unit Credentialing Procedure which identifies the credentialing process for Communications Unit personnel in Iowa.

WHEREAS: The Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System Board (ISICSB) is established in Iowa Code 80.28 and 80.29. ISICSB is charged to develop, implement and oversee policy, operations, and fiscal components of communications interoperability efforts at the state and local levels, and to coordinate similar efforts at the federal level, with the objective of overseeing operation of statewide integrated public safety systems, and establish, monitor, and maintain appropriate policies and protocols, expand, maintain and fund stakeholder education, public education, and official education programs to demonstrate value of short-term communications interoperability solutions, and;

WHEREAS: ISICSB acknowledges the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as a comprehensive, national approach to incident management that provides a template to effectively and efficiently prepare for, prevent, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size, or complexity;

WHEREAS: ISICSB acknowledges that NIMS is applicable across functional disciplines at all jurisdictional levels;

WHEREAS: ISICSB acknowledges that a key feature of NIMS, the Incident Command System (ICS), is a standardized, on-scene, all hazards incident management approach that represents organizational best practices and has become the standard for emergency management across the country;

WHEREAS: ISICSB acknowledges that within the NIMS ICS structure, the Communications Unit plays a critical role and is responsible for developing plans for the use of incident communications equipment and facilities; coordinating, installing and testing communications equipment; supervision and operation of the Incident Communications Center (ICC); and the distribution, maintenance, repair and recovery of incident communications equipment;

IT IS THE ISICSB POLICY:

That the Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System Board (ISICSB) hereby documents and publishes policy of support for a procedure to describe the process for granting Iowa credentialing for Communications Unit (COMU) positions and instructions for submitting applications for Iowa credentialing or renewal of credentials.

IT IS FURTHER POLICY THAT:

The ISICSB shall develop and maintain an Iowa All-Hazards Communications Unit Credentialing Procedure in support of this policy.